



land use

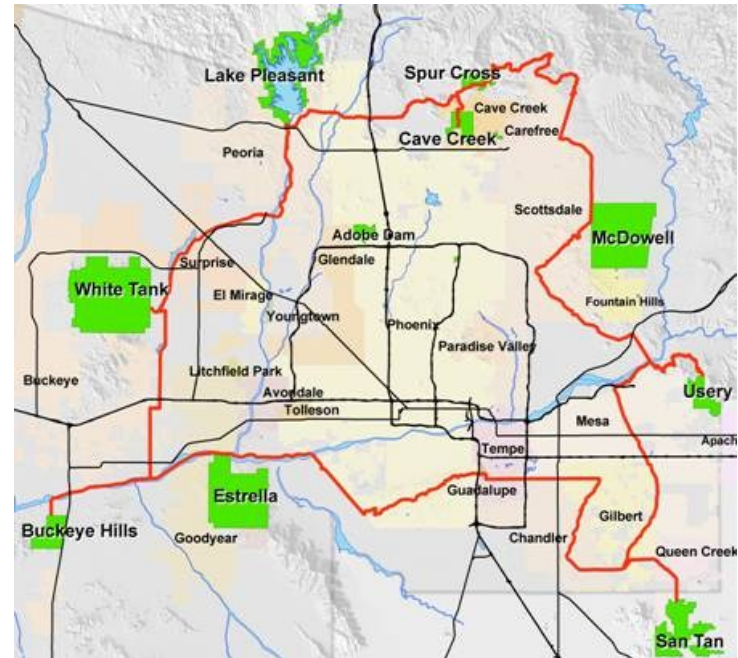
Maricopa County is the fourth most populous county in the nation, and is home to more people than 21 states and the District of Columbia.



Maricopa County is vast covering 9,226 square miles and is not particularly bounded by any major land features that would slow urban sprawl. Maricopa County recognizes these challenges and through specific measures within the GGP, is acting to improve thoughtful land use strategies both internally and externally.

Did You Know?

Once completed the Maricopa County Regional Trail System will be 1,521 miles long.


















Action Statement

Implement good land use strategies to decrease sprawl and increase walkable and connected communities.






















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Tag	Department	Measure Detail	Due	Status	Impact Icons
LU1	Flood Control District	Research sitting possibilities for solar installations on Flood Control District parcels.	July 2014	On-Going	 
LU2	Flood Control District	Track the open space acreage preserved or created by delineating floodways, earthen channels, and basins.	July 2014	On-Going	
LU3	Flood Control District	Incorporate tree and vegetation planting into at least 50% of Flood Control District projects in the five year CIP where hydraulically feasible.	July 2014	On-Going	 
LU4	Flood Control District	Enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with municipalities to incorporate multi-use features in all flood control projects where feasible.	July 2014	On-Going	 
LU5	Facilities Management	Have some employees achieve US Green Building Council LEED Accreditation	July 2013	On-Going	   
LU6	Facilities Management	Have an established membership and be an active participant in the following organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Green Building Council Association of Energy Engineers Distributed Energy Association of Arizona Illuminating Engineering Society Municipal Energy Alliance of Greater Phoenix Sustainable Cities Network 	July 2010	On-Going	   















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LU7	Human Services	Integrate green building techniques into Community Development construction projects.	July 2012	On-Going	  
LU8	Library District	Construct all future libraries to a minimum of LEED-Certified standards.	July 2010	On-Going	  
LU9	Parks and Recreation	Add at least 5,000 acres to the Maricopa County regional park system.	July 2015	Launched	 
LU10	Parks and Recreation	Protect 25% of the identified buffers in the parks and recreation master plan from development encroachment.	July 2015	Launched	 
LU11	Parks and Recreation	Add 15 miles annually to the Maricopa County Regional Trail System until completed.	July 2013	On-Going	  
LU12	Parks and Recreation	Construct 100% of all new Nature Centers to a minimum of LEED-Silver standards.	July 2013	On-Going	  
LU13	Planning and Development	Implement an optional residential Green Building program.	July 2013	Launched	  



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LU14	Planning and Development	Prepare criteria for Board of Supervisors consideration and adoption that addresses open space in new development, open space connections, and trails.	July 2013	Launched	 
LU15	Planning and Development	Prepare criteria for Board of Supervisors consideration for adoption that outlines recommended land use ratios, and other land use efficiency principles for various types and sizes of developments.	July 2013	Launched	 
LU16	Planning and Development	Prepare a comprehensive policy for adaptive reuse of brownfields for solar energy generation facilities.	July 2013	Not Started	  
LU17	Planning and Development	Set up a protocol for on-line project review and public comment on land use project submittals by outside agencies and the public.	July 2013	Launched	  
LU18	Public Health	Assist with the development of Health Impact Assessments that provide real value to the Maricopa County Planning and Development Department and valley city policy makers.	July 2013	Launched	 

"To waste, to destroy, our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them."

— Theodore Roosevelt.





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